



# *Proclamation*

## *Presented*

### **In Recognition of the Niu Valley Middle School Band**

**WHEREAS**, the Niu Valley Middle School Music Department has served the community through music and built a strong reputation by playing at festivals adjudicated by National Music Standards; the department offers three levels of classes in Band, Orchestra and Polynesian music, enrolling nearly half the student body, including 260 in Band; and

**WHEREAS**, the Niu Valley Middle School Band performed for Assistant Education Secretary Peter Cunningham and then-Congressman Neil Abercrombie on the Department of Education's "Learning & Listening Tour" in 2009 and its members were personally invited to attend Governor Abercrombie's inauguration on December 6, 2010; and

**WHEREAS**, the Niu Valley Middle School Band is coordinated by Band and Orchestra Director Wayne Fanning and Music Department Chair and Band, Polynesian Music and Percussion Ensemble Director Zachary Morita, with assistance from International Baccalaureate Coordinator and former music teacher Kent Miyashiro, Interim Principal Brenda Burns, and former Principal Justin Mew; and

**WHEREAS**, the Niu Valley Middle School Band performed so impressively at the American School Band Director's Association (ASBDA) regional conference in Denver, Colorado, in 2011, that the ASBDA's president invited the band to perform at the ASBDA's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary National Conference, the first from Hawai'i to be honored with an invitation to this prestigious annual national meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, the Niu Valley Middle School Band will perform at the ASBDA's 60<sup>th</sup> National Conference in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, in July 2014, with the students' talent being so well-regarded that they will premiere a work written especially for them by Brian Balmages, renowned band and orchestra composer;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor** for the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim March 28, 2014, as

### **"NIU VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND DAY"**

in Hawai'i, and ask all citizens of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the continuing excellence of Niu Valley Middle School's Band and Music Department, and celebrating their unprecedented representation of Hawai'i at the July 2014 ASBDA National Conference.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-sixth day of March 2014.

  
NEIL ABERCROMBIE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

  
SHAN S. TSUTSUI  
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i